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Preamble

This publication is a reissue of a world RICE paper development document written by Philip Warnes in 2002 for the Classic Traveller publishing project for the Meshan Sector.

The original document appeared only as DOC file that may be found on some websites at the time of writing.

The work was based on the earlier development activity by the author and other team members working on Meshan Sector during The New Era as part of the History of the Imperium Working Group New Zealand activity.

This publication also includes notes regarding the system in The New Era as well.

It is republished here to preserve the work in a viable modern format, ensure the copyright of the author is asserted and to provide a context alongside other Meshan Sector documents that are being made available.

The format of the original publication and distribution mechanism meant this was probably viewed as a hobbyist effort at the time. We do not even know if Marc Miller or his staff even read it, let alone heard about it. Many versions of Traveller have been released since and the universe has effectively returned to the pre-Rebellion setting, meaning this material may still be relevant.

The licensed Classic Traveller project for Meshan Sector stalled with the departure of the principal author of the sector work.

It is hoped in the future that FSpace Publications can renew it's Classic Traveller Meshan Sector publishing licence.

For now, this publication (in the format presented here) will be found in non-commercial releases by FSpace Publications directly, or as part of the publication collections found on FSpace DVDs released from 2019 onwards. It will also be viewable at the New Zealand National Library.

The good news, is that Philip's work was recycled and expanded to become *Far Frontiers Tibushi*, a generic science fiction world setting book, that is commercially available and can be used with minimal adaptation for use with the canon Traveller universe.

This publication will help alongside *Far Frontiers Tibushi* to paint a picture of how to use and place the world in the Meshan Sector.

At some point in the future this publication will be made available to future registered purchasers of *Far Frontiers Tibushi*.

One thing to note for those interested in investigated the colonial history of this world. It is referenced as being settled by Vilani, yet all the settlements and some of the names for the local biota are very Earth Anglic in origin - casting doubt on the widely held view it was settled by local sector Vilani humans. Even the world name sounds very much like naming from some Earth origin eastern cultures. A mystery for someone to unravel.

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Tibushi System Stats

Planetary Stats (circa 1105)

Location	1704, Meshan Sector, Subsector C, Ungersol				
Tibushi	1704	C445000-8	Ba Lo Ni	Vl	F5V

System Stats

Primary

F5V main sequence star

Orbit	Name	Planet stats	Remarks
2	*[no registered name]*	X820000-0	
4	Tibushi	C445000-8 Ba Lo Ni	Orbital Vilani starport
6	*[no registered name]*	Large GG	
11	*[no registered name]*	Y400000-0	
30	*[no registered name]*	Y445000-0	
35	*[no registered name]*	Y620000-0	
40	*[no registered name]*	Y720000-0	
55	*[no registered name]*	Y400000-0	
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Background

Introduction

Tibushi is a planet where the ecosystem has failed. A few years prior to 1105 it had a small farming community that was continually battling against difficult conditions imposed by a relatively hostile indigenous ecosystem. There was a small amount of available agricultural land immediately surrounding the three Vilani settlements, however the intensive nature of the farming depleted the soil to the point where it was no longer viable to farm on this planet. The population declined over a period of about fifty years and by the year 1098 there was nobody left. Since 1098 the farmed areas have been reverting back to its original state. There has been little interest in the planet for anything other than stripping equipment from it's now abandoned settlements.

Geography

Tibushi is a planet with a very pronounced dichotomy. One hemisphere is comprised almost entirely of one vast ocean. The other hemisphere is dominated by a large continental landmass. There is very little tectonic activity on the planet, with there being only one major mountain range along the southwestern edge of the continent.

Most of the continent is desert but large tracts along both the eastern and western seaboards of the continent are vegetated with extensive grasslands and forests (jungles at the equator). There is a small ice cap at the south pole that is about 1000 km across but the north pole is an ice covered portion of the ocean.

The planet has an axial tilt of about ten degrees and very little orbital eccentricity so there is a small amount of seasonal variation.

The Starport

Despite being uninhabited, Tibushi does have a class C Starport. This is just a basic orbital facility that offers unrefined fuel only and very rudimentary repair and maintenance facilities. The Starport has been maintained for military reasons because if it were not there, then a whole chunk of the Vilani boarder would be exposed to Vargr corsair intrusions. A neighbouring corsair base at Arrkfan is manned both by humans and Vargr.

The refuelling station is a Vilani maintained facility with just the most basic of facilities, but even this is expensive to maintain. It is maintained so that a Jump 2 linkage can be kept open between the frontier with the Vargr and Vilani planets in the Lues Subsector (such as Azuran, Lassiir and Gvounglu).

The facility is an orbital station with about ten personnel who are posted there on a rotational basis. The station itself is about 2000 tons and is an old merchant tanker that has been converted into an orbital refuelling facility. The drives have all been removed except for some small thrusters that are used to maintain orbital position. Fuel (in the form of water from Tibushi's ocean) is brought up from the surface by a couple of 100-ton fuel shuttles.

Refuelling can also take place on the surface of Tibushi, in it's ocean, or on one of it's two gas giants.

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Biota

Tibushi has a particularly exotic and dangerous biota. The main Settlement, Stanleytown, was located in an are of Savannah grassland, but there it a forested area nearby. Fredriksburg was located in a dryer part of the Savannah to the north while Toltontown was located alongside a river estuary in the equatorial rainforest.

The Savannah grassland areas on a broad open plain which gets a plentiful supply of rain from the neighbouring ocean. To the south where it is a bit warmer, there is enough rainfall to support rainforest vegetation.

The native grasses are not edible to the either humans or any livestock that they brought with them. The grasses are extremely tough and fibrous but have an extremely toxic alkaloid poison. A lot of the vegetation also contains a potent acid, which makes them very dangerous to livestock. Very dangerous predatory creatures also abound on Tibushi. Many of these creatures also have a highly venomous bite and may also secrete concentrated acids. They were a constantly destroying the livestock of the settlers (manned also ate many of the settlers). Their meat also tended to have high concentrations of heavy metals, particularly arsenic, making them inedible.

If the Savannah plains were dangerous enough for humans to try and eke out a living, the rainforest was positively lethal. The forest is full of highly dangerous creatures with highly venomous bites. Central to the forest ecosystem is the giant Boroboro Tree, which grows to over 300 meters high and can be up to ten meters in diameter at the base. The wood is extremely hard. Hanging from the Boroboro Tree are large epiphytes with meter sized pitchers of concentrated acids that readily digest any small animals that fall into them. Also living in the treetops are the predatory bat-like Vortangers with their two-meter wingspan and razor sharp claws. Meanwhile, scavenging on the forest floor is a giant grey oozy slime mould like creature, the Goolouga, which is a smelly gelatinous blob-like organism that absorbs its victims by enveloping them and then digesting them alive by secreting strong digestive juices all over them. The occupants of Toltontown were able to earn a living based around the harvest of tropical hardwoods for a number of years before finally succumbing to the hardships imposed by this environment.

Very few people have entered deep in to the desert areas (and even fewer returned), so naturally the desert areas are even less well understood. Buried deep in the sands are the enigmatic podlings that are able to store water in large sacs of silica gel. The rock rat is a small rat-like creature with razor sharp teeth. Stranger still are the sand eels that actually digest raw sand, extracting nutrients by secreting a digestive fluid with concentrated hydrofluoric acid as it's main constituent.

Resources

The planet is barren. The soil that surrounding the main settlement was very intensively farmed which seriously depleted the soil. The relatively hostile ecology made this place to farm, so the residents left and the entire settlement was abandoned. There was a substantial amount of equipment that was abandoned at the main settlement, but this has been plundered quite frequently so that there is now very little left.

No one now lives on this planet. When the planet had a population, it was a non-industrial farming community centred on the main settlement. There are currently no known primary resources on Tibushi, however there appears to be some very high arsenic concentrations in the

water which suggests that there are a number of heavy metal concentrations which have not been explored. The hostile environment has made mineral exploration very difficult. There is very little money available in this region to fund a major mineral exploration program. Thus the planet has remained an un-populated backwater, and a bit of a curiosity only.

Settlement

This has been abandoned. Only a collection of buildings and the occasional farm hovel now remains. The buildings were mainly prefabricated constructions that were 'plonked down onto the surface' in the expectation that a community could be established. This however never really worked. As at 1105 the buildings (the settlement was abandoned in 1098) were still in good condition but a lot of equipment had been plundered by raiding corsairs and other visitors who had been searching for gear to sell, or for emergency repairs. There is now increasingly less equipment of any value here now – just the odd computer or farming implement. And all encompassing, the surrounding indigenous vegetation is rapidly encroaching on the farmland.

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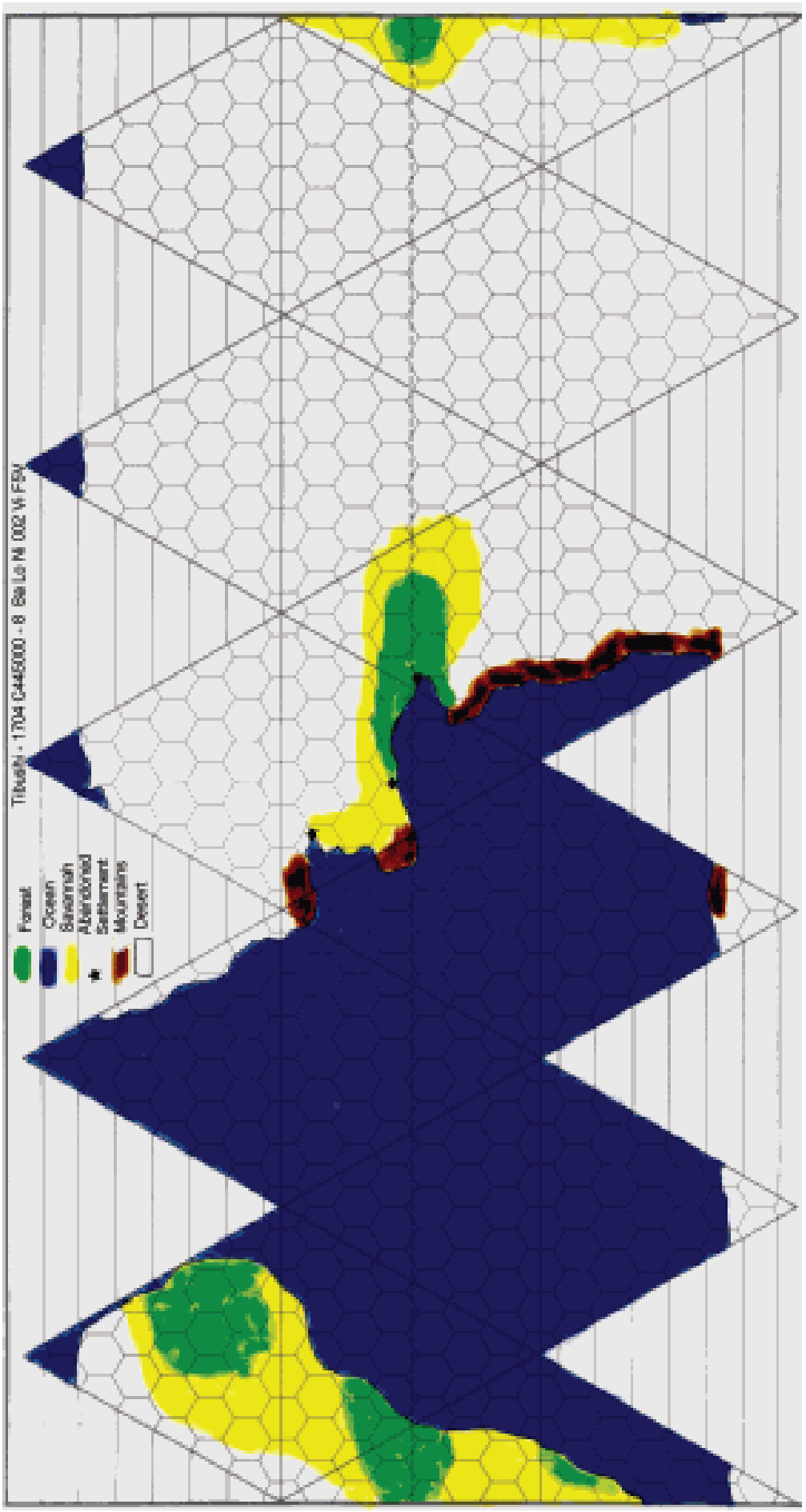
World Map


Forest
Ocean
Savannah
Abandoned Settlement
Mountains
Desert

New Era Notes

The details regarding the world did not change from 1105 to 1115 in the lead up to the Rebellion era. It remained part of the Llaz Concord during that period.

Rebellion

Political changes in the Ungersol subsector (subsector C of Meshan sector) and sector wide saw this world become part of the Rule of Five state and a Corsair base established using the orbital starport refuelling facility. The world itself remain uninhabited during this period.

Main world stats circa 1120

Tibushi	1704 C445000-8	C Ba Lo Ni	002 V5 F5 V

New Era

This system was struck like many others by the chaos caused by the Virus.

The station was deorbitted and is believed to have crashed on the surface and the fuel shuttles were used as lifeboats to put remaining personnel onto the planet. None of the marooned crew survived for long and the world once again returned to being barren. Or is it?

Main world stats circa 1200

Tibushi	1704 X445000-0	Ba	002	F5 V

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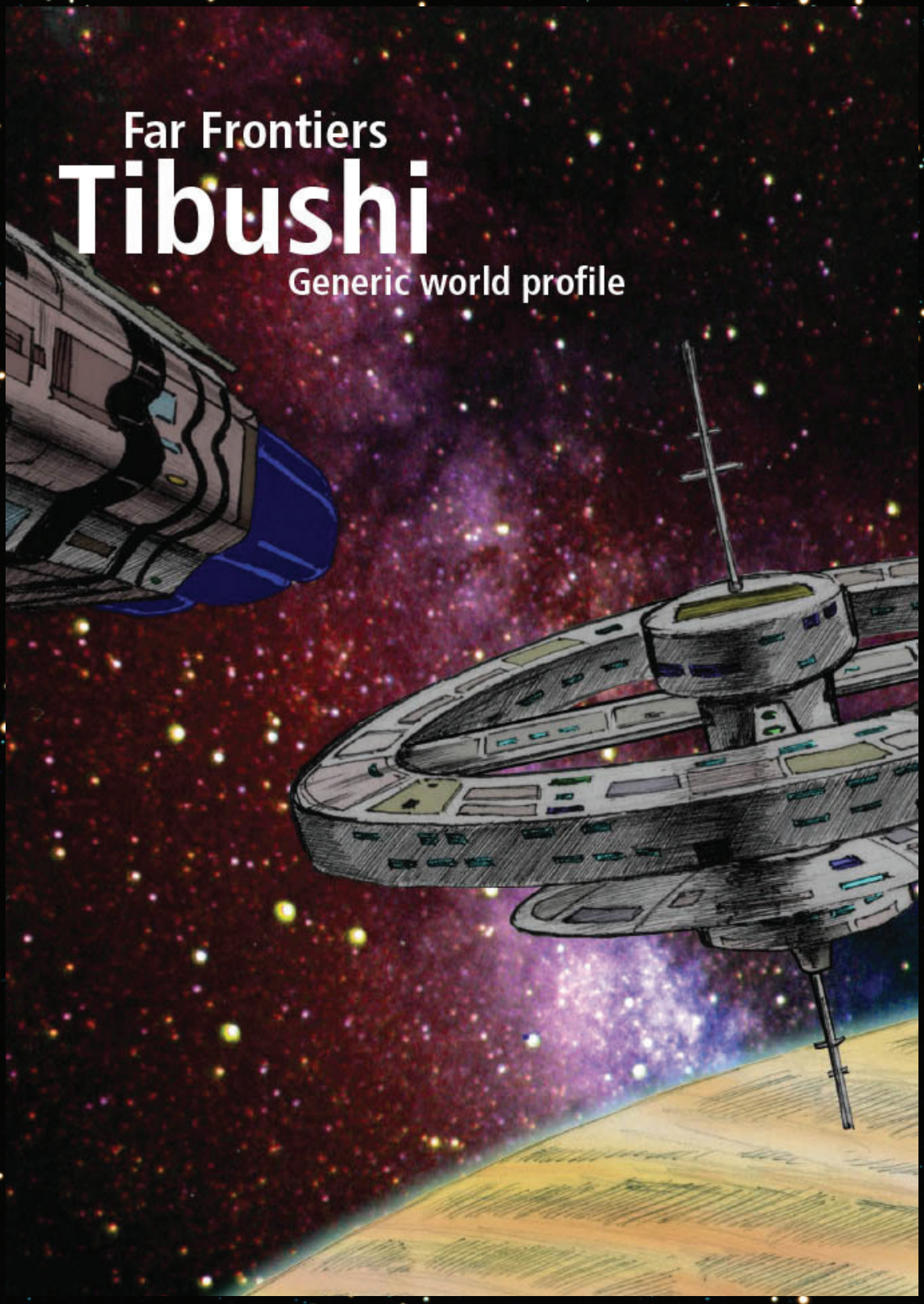

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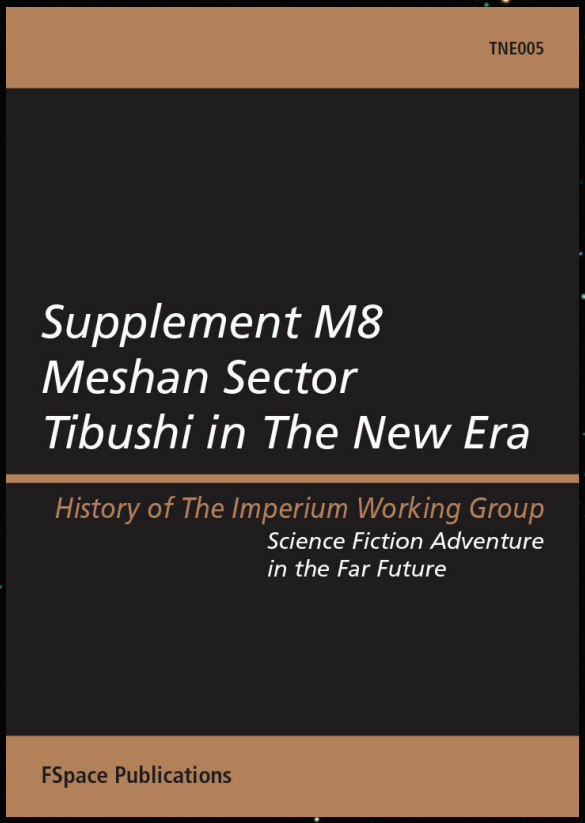

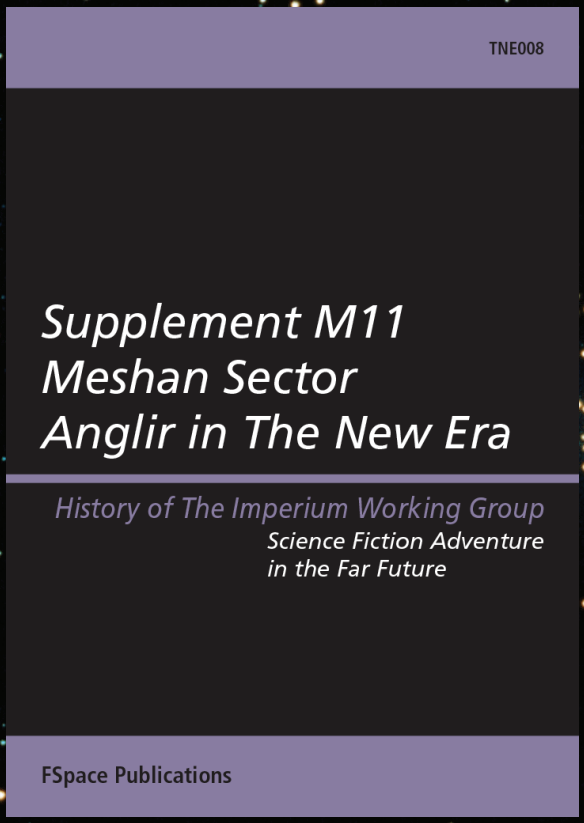

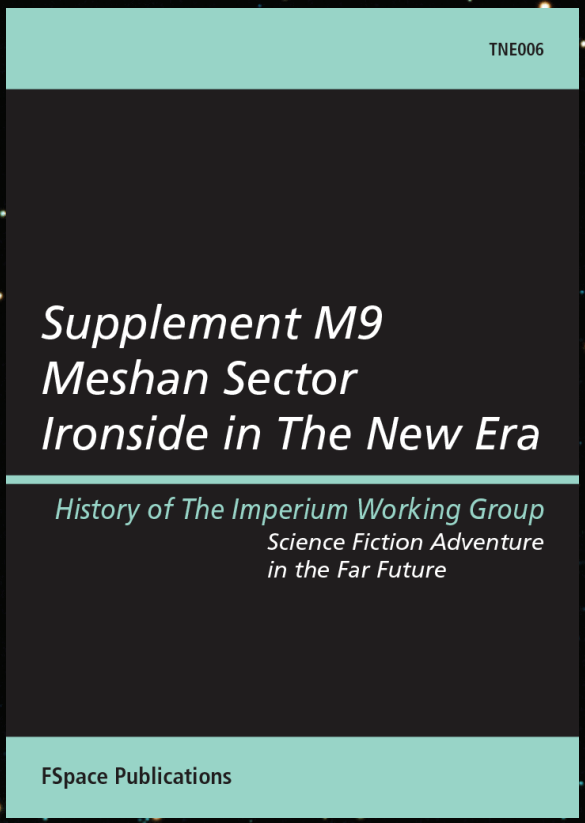

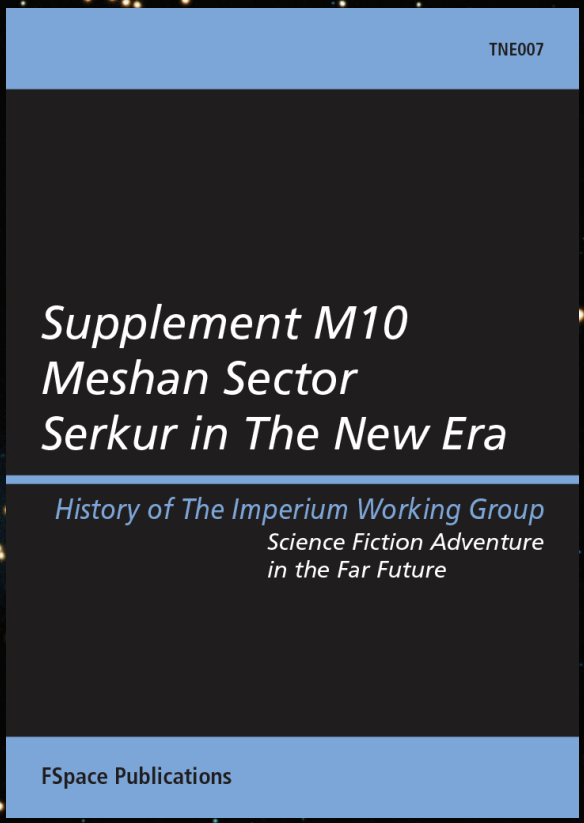

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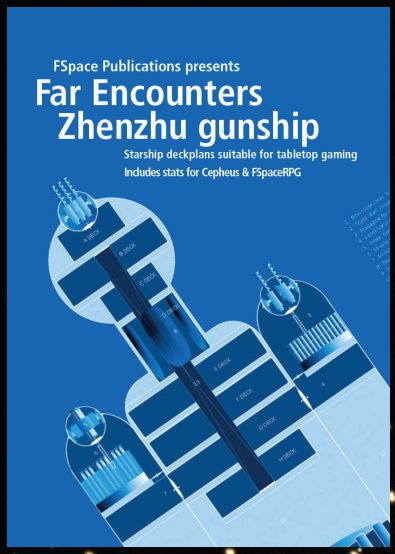

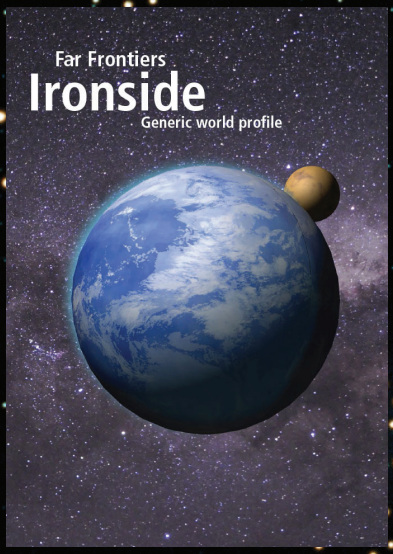

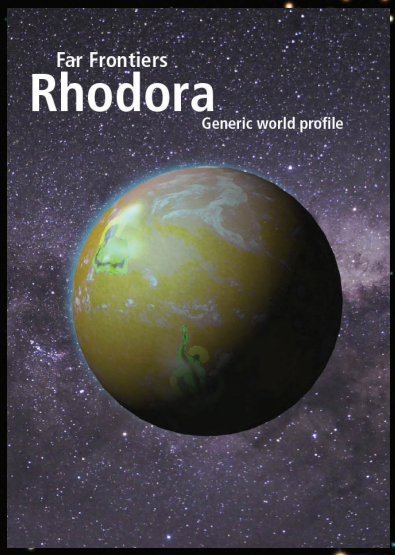

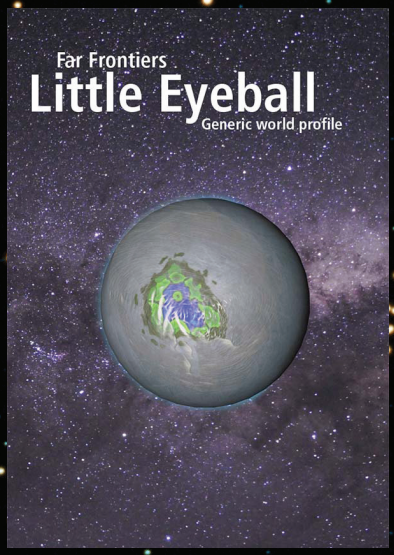

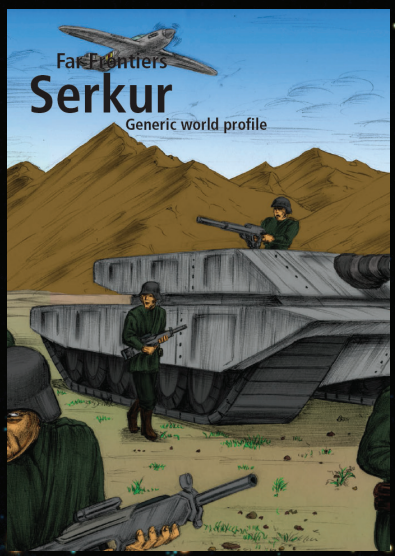

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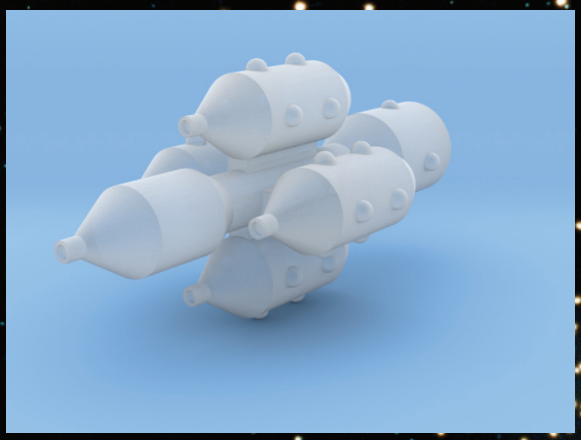

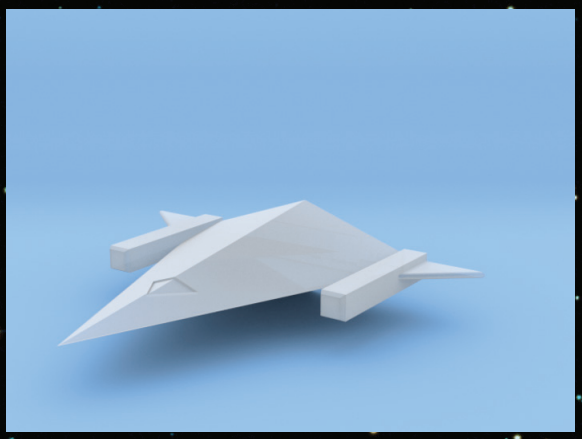

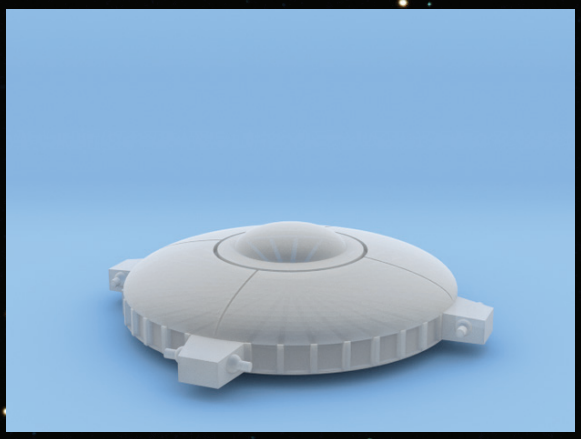

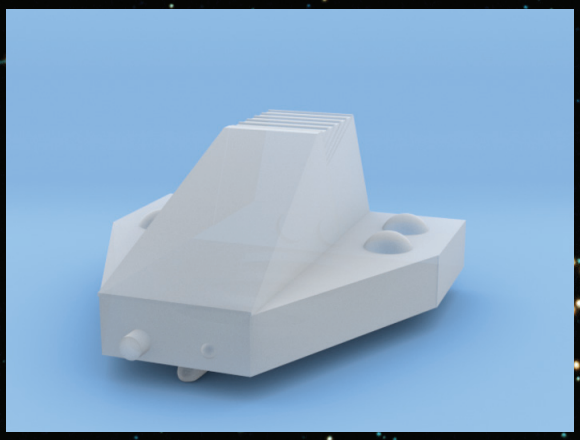

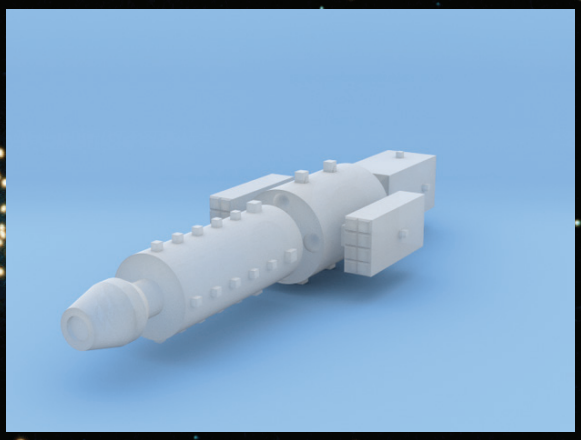

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